

Re: An issue with Full Text Search against PDF blobs...

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"Camilo" <Camilo@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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My client is trying to use SQL Server Full Text Search to search PDFs stored in a varbinary(max) column. Full text search works fine for other Microsoft Office documents stored in the same table but it does NOT give back any results from the PDF documents.

Following is a high-level view of what the client did:

1. Installed Adobe PDF IFilter 6.0
2. Ran the stored procedure sp_fulltext_service (as documented)
3. Restarted the server
4. Verified that the filter got properly installed by querying the system view sys.fulltext_document_types
5. Created a full text index on the table with the documents
6. Started a full population of the index
7. Ran a sample query with a string he knows is in the PDF file like the following:
select * from documents where freetext(document, 'Review') and got no results back
8. Ran the same sample query with a string he knows is in some Word files like the

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following: select * from documents where freetext(document, 'SQL') the query returned several rows back as expected.

Does anybody know what might be happening here?

Thank you!

Camilo Leon